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1. The Smederevo steel plant is located one kilometer west of Smederevo, between the Danube River and the Belgrade-Smederevo road. It is surrounded by an iron fencing topped by barbed wire. The factory side facing the Danube is built up with stones to facilitate the delivery of ore arriving by barge at the plant. Factory capacity is one hundred tons of steel products (mostly sheet iron of all dimensions, iron for cement constructions, profiled iron and railroad track) per day. The machinery is old except for an insignificant quantity of machines imported from Germany. The iron ore and old scrap iron is obtained from Yugoslavia itself. Plant installations include four Siemens-Martin furnaces, two gas generators, three factory buildings, a tool shop, a new rolling mill, three smoke stacks leading underground, one crane, one elevator for unloading ore and coal from the barges, and three small locomotives of normal track size. The factory employs 2500 workers.
2. The Fagram machinery construction factory is located 250 meters from the Jezava canal and 350 meters from the Danube River. Begun in 1949 and still not completed, the factory is working "according to plan". Construction costs were almost twenty million dinars. Small railroad wagons, cement mixers and construction elevators are produced but production capacity is unknown. Although the plan called for the employment of 800 workers, only 500 are now employed. The machinery, which is new and of German origin, is in excellent condition. A stove factory was in operation on the site but was destroyed at the end of 1949 before Fagram got into production. The workers allegedly destroyed the stove factory in a fire and the management was arrested and condemned for sabotage. The damage was estimated at approximately one-half million dinars.
3. The Smederevo State Railroad Workshop is located approximately 150 meters from the old Djuradj fortress, between the Jezava canal and the railroad line. Five hundred workers are employed in repairs to railroad wagons. The machinery is old and often out of order. Plan production, however, has been outlined only on the basis of the utilization of machines in good condition. When disabled machines are repaired, their additional work performance is interpreted as a manifestation of the workers' love for their job.

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1. The Godomin Agricultural Enterprise is the State pig farm. The pigs are kept in twenty modern pig sties of 100 x 10 meters' dimension. Four similar pens are utilized for breeding purposes. The capacity of each pig pen is 500 pigs and capacity is always maintained since all healthy pigs forcibly purchased are brought to this State farm. Approximately one hundred cows are also maintained in stables erected at the farm.
2. The Smederevo grain silo is located on the Danube River, next to the port and 300 meters from Djuradj fortress on the limits of Smederevo. The silo is 30 meters long, 20 meters wide and 30 meters high, and is always filled to capacity. It is guarded by industrial militia.
3. A former sports' stadium near Smederevo reportedly was used by the Ministry of Heavy Industry as an airport when he visited Smederevo. In case of need the stadium could be used as an auxiliary airport.
4. The Smederevo shipyard, located on the Danube River west of the port, is of secondary importance since it is not in use.

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